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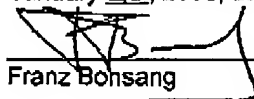
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In the matter of the application of

Michel CARON

for: APPARATUS AND METHOD OF IDENTIFYING THE USER  
THEREOF BY MEANS OF A VARIABLE IDENTIFICATION CODE

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, U.S.A.

Sir,

The present is in response to Office Action dated December 27, 2007.

**REMARKS**

The Examiner has requested election in accordance with 35 U.S.C. 121, on the basis that the application contains claims directed to seven (7) patentably distinct species, namely **species A** of Figure 1, **species B** of Figure 2, **species C** of

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